

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 18, 19, and 24-29 are pending, in which claims 20-23 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 18 and 24 are currently amended. No new matter is introduced.

The final Office Action mailed November 15, 2006 rejected claims 18-27 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on *Huang* (US 6,194,998 B1).

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 24-29 are allowed.

Claim 24 has been amended to correct a discovered informality.

To advance prosecution, Applicant has amended independent 18 to include the allowable subject matter of independent claim 24. Also, claims 20-23 have been canceled. The claim amendment therefore renders the obviousness rejection moot.

Therefore, the present application, as amended, overcomes the objections and rejections of record and is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (703) 519-9952 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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